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SUBJECT: TIJUANA-LEON VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE FLIGHTS

REFERENCE: MEXICO 9494

1. THE TIJUANA TO LEON OPERATION WAS INITIATED ON MARCH 25, 1970 AFTER INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN INS, THE MEXICAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND AEREO SERVICIO DE CALIFORNIA.

2. SINCE THAT DATE MEXICAN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN REMOVED VOLUNTARILY EACH FISCAL YEAR IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS:  
1970 - 5,966; 1971 - 18,587; 1972 - 18,641; 1973 - 16,141; 1974 - 14,964; 1975 - 10,892; AND FROM JULY 1975 THROUGH JUNE 1976 - 12,057.

3. PRESENTLY EACH MEXICAN NATIONAL REMOVED UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT PURCHASES A TICKET FROM THE AIRLINE REPRESENTA-  
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TIVE FOR \$50. THEY ARE THEN TRANSPORTED BY AN IMMIGRATION

SERVICE BUS TO A POINT IN THE US OPPOSITE THE TIJUANA AIRPORT WHERE THEY ARE MET BY MEXICAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND ARE OBSERVED BY THEM AS THEY WALK FROM THE BUS INTO MEXICO AND BOARD THE AIRCRAFT. EACH PLANE IS MET IN LEON

BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND THE MEXICAN NATIONALS ARE GIVEN SOME ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN MEXICO FROM THAT POINT. REMOVAL IN THIS OPERATION IS LIMITED TO MEXICAN NATIONALS WHOSE LAST RESIDENCE IN MEXICO WAS IN THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO AND NOT IN THE MEXICAN STATES ALONG THE US-MEXICO BORDER.

4. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS AND INS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JAMES GREENE PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ DE LEON IN NEW YORK ON JULY 28. KISSINGER

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